

**From:** Bowman, Randal  
**To:** [Swift, Heather](#)  
**Cc:** [Aaron Moody](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Bears Ears  
**Date:** Monday, May 22, 2017 1:57:49 PM

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Since this is not a rule-making process, I would say we will accept them as long as they show up in Reg.gov as received any time on the 26th, and for mailed comments, if post marked by then and received here by June 1, so we have time to review them and incorporate them into the decision-making process. I am asking our [regs.gov](#) experts how that system dates comments and will get back to you on that.

On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 2:48 PM, Swift, Heather <[heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:  
Randal, I have a question: see red please.

To ensure consideration, written comments relating to the Bears Ears National Monument must be submitted before **May 26, 2017**. **[[Does this mean midnight May 25? Is that East-Coast time?]]** Written comments relating to all other National Monuments must be submitted before July 10, 2017.

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 8:24 AM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Naturally, the name came in as soon as I sent the last message. The program manager is likely a career GS-14 technical type, so don't suggest contacting him directly

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On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 8:16 PM, Laura Rigas <[laura\\_rigas@ios.doi.gov](mailto:laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:  
Overnight perhaps?

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On May 18, 2017, at 7:53 PM, Downey Magallanes <[downey\\_magallanes@ios.doi.gov](mailto:downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Randy- can we reschedule the outage for another time why does it have to happen that day?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 18, 2017, at 5:30 PM, Bowman, Randal  
<[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Sorry for the delay but just got back to the office from the monument team meeting. Here is the answer I received from our FWS expert. Notwithstanding this, extending the comment period for Bears Ears is entirely a political/public relations decision. It will not impact our ability to review comments. I don't see a need to extend the longer comment period for this.

Answer - This is routine maintenance. The outage is from 6 am to 6 pm. We don't extend the comment period because of these outages. There is ample time for commenter outside of this 12 hour window.

On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 1:48 PM, Downey Magallanes  
<[downey\\_magallanes@ios.doi.gov](mailto:downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Let's confirm this is true - Randy?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 18, 2017, at 1:43 PM, Heather Swift  
<[heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Downey and Dan - [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov) will be down one day this weekend. Do we plan to extend the deadline for comment a day?

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jennifer Yachnin  
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**Date:** May 18, 2017 at 1:40:21 PM EDT  
**To:** Heather Swift  
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**Subject:** Bears Ears

Hi Heather - Any idea if the comment period on Bears Ears will get an extra day since the [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) site looks like it will be down part of this weekend?  
Thanks - Jennifer

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